II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, comprising the steps of:

inventorying a set of entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

formulating a set of questions related to an entity software application based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity, wherein the set of questions are tailored to assess the software application needs of the business entity; and

receiving entity responses to the set of questions.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of weighting possible responses to the set of questions based on the business strategy.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the step of weighting responses comprises the step of assigning a value for each possible response to the set of questions.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing the received responses to make a set of recommendations.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating a report based on the received entity responses.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the entity software applications are grouped by business process.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, comprising the steps of:

inventorying a set of entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

formulating a set of questions related to an entity software application based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity;

weighting possible responses to the set of questions based on the business strategy;

receiving entity responses to the set of questions; and

analyzing the entity responses to make a set of recommendations.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising the step of generating a report based on the entity responses.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the report includes the recommendations.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the weighted responses are formulated by assigning a value to each possible response to the set of questions.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the set of recommendations is made by analyzing values corresponding to the entity responses.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein analyzing values comprises comparing the values corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, comprising the steps of:

inventorying a set of entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

formulating a set of questions and possible responses related to an entity software application based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity;

weighting the possible responses for each question with an assigned value based on the business strategy;

receiving entity responses to the set of questions;

analyzing values corresponding to the entity responses; and

making a set of recommendations based on the analysis.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the set of recommendations is selected from the group consisting of: eliminating the entity software application, modifying the entity software application, adding a new application, or switching between applications.

15. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the analysis is made by comparing values corresponding to the entity responses to predetermined values.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, comprising:

an inventory system for inventorying entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses related to an entity software application in the inventory system, wherein the set of questions and weighted responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity, and wherein the set of questions are tailored to assess the software application needs of the business entity; and

a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of questions.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising an examination system for receiving the entity responses.

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18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the query system formulates the set of questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the query system retrieves the set of questions and weighted responses from a database.

20. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the review system compares values corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

21. (Original) The system of claim 16, further comprising a recommendation system for making recommendations based on the entity responses.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, comprising:

an inventory system for inventorying entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses related to an entity software application in the inventory system, wherein the set of questions and weighted responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity;

an examination system for receiving entity responses to the set of questions;

a review system for analyzing values corresponding to the entity responses; and

a recommendation system for making a set of recommendations based on the analyzed

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values.

23. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the query system formulates the set of questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

24. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the query system retrieves the set of questions and weighted responses from a database.

25. (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the review system compares values corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

26. (Currently Amended) A program product stored on a recordable medium for analyzing software application needs of a business entity, which when executed, comprises:

an inventory system for inventorying entity software applications that are currently used by the business entity;

a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses related to an entity software application in the inventory system, wherein the set of questions and weighted responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the business entity; and

a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of questions.

27. (Original) The program product of claim 26, further comprising an examination system for receiving the entity responses.

28. (Original) The program product of claim 26, wherein the query system formulates the set of

questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

29. (Original) The program product of claim 26, wherein the review system compares values

corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

30. (Original) The program product of claim 26, further comprising a recommendation system

for making recommendations based on the entity responses.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer system for analyzing software application needs of a

    business entity, comprising:

    a processor;

    a computer system memory;

    an interface; and

    a software product stored on the computer system memory and executable by the

processor, wherein the software product comprises:

    an inventory system for inventorying entity software applications that are currently used

by the business entity;

    a query system for providing a set of questions and weighted responses related to an

entity software application in the inventory system, wherein the set of questions and

weighted responses are formulated based on a business strategy corresponding to the

business entity; and

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a review system for analyzing entity responses to the set of questions.

32. (Original) The computer system of claim 31, further comprising an examination system for receiving the entity responses.

33. (Original) The computer system of claim 31, wherein the query system formulates the set of questions and weighted responses based on the business strategy.

34. (Original) The computer system of claim 31, wherein the review system compares values corresponding to the entity responses to a predetermined value.

35. (Original) The computer system of claim 31, further comprising a recommendation system for making recommendations based on the entity responses.

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